

Whitehall

BARMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.



To the Chairman and Members
of the Barmouth Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I wish to submit my Report for the year ended the
31st December, 1938.

STATISTICS.

Area of district including added area	1,347
Estimated population 1938 - mid year	2,139
Population, Census of 1921	3,553
Population, Census of 1931	2,645
Number of inhabited houses end of 1938, according to Rate Books	850
Rateable Value... ..	£15,498
Sum represented by a penny rate	£57.15.9.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS INCLUDING THE CHIEF OCCUPATIONS
OF THE INHABITANTS, AND THE INFLUENCE OF ANY
PARTICULAR OCCUPATION ON PUBLIC HEALTH.

Barmouth is a popular sea-side resort, and the inhabitants, for the most part, make their livelihood by letting their houses to visitors during the summer season. There is no industry within the area. The winter temperature is very mild.

From the 1st April, 1934, the boundaries of the district have been extended to include part of the parish of Llanaber formerly in the Dolgelley Rural District.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS for the year 1938, which are asked for in this form by the Ministry of Health :-

	Total.	M.	F.	
Live (Legitimate)	28	17	11	{ Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population - (13.56
Births. (Illegitimate)	1	0	1	
Still Births.	3	2	1	{ Rate per 1,000 live and still births - (93.75
Deaths.	42	13	29	{ Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population - (19.63

Deaths from diseases and accidents of
pregnancy and child-birth :-

Puerperal Sepsis	-	0
Other Puerperal Causes	-	0

Death rates of Infants under one year of age :-

All infants per 1,000 live births	-	Nil.
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 live births	-	Nil.

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Deaths from Cancer (all ages).	-	5
from Measles (all ages).	-	0
from Whooping Cough.	-	0
from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	0

TABLE of Causes of Deaths.

CAUSE:	Males.	Females.	TOTAL:
ALL CAUSES.	13	29	42
Influenza.	0	1	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	2	1	3
Cancer.	1	4	5
Heart Diseases.	4	10	14
Other Circulatory Diseases.	2	3	5
Pneumonia (all forms)	2	1	3
Other Respiratory Diseases.	0	1	1
Nephritis.	1	0	1
Violence.	0	1	1
Diabetes.	0	1	1
Other Digestive Diseases.	0	2	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage.	0	1	1
Other Defined Diseases.	1	3	4

Comparison of Vital Statistics.

	Barmouth U.D.	County of Merioneth.	England and Wales.
General Death Rate.	19.63	15.93	11.6
Birth Rate.	13.56	12.93	15.1
Tuberculosis Death Rate.	1.40	1.00	
Cancer Death Rate.	2.34	2.25	

Laboratory Facilities - Reported in full in report for 1931.

Ambulance Facilities -

(a) For Infectious Cases...	Nil.
(b) For Non-Infectious and Accident Cases...	Nil.

but the matter is under consideration.

Nursing in the Homes.

The local District Nursing Association employs one Nurse, who is also a Certified Midwife.

No arrangements are made for nursing cases of Infectious Diseases by the Local Sanitary Authority, but the District Nursing Association has a reserve fund in hand to be used to engage a special nurse in the event of an outbreak of Infectious Disease which requires special nursing.

Midwives.

Three certified Midwives practise in the area and are supervised by the County Council. Neither is receiving any subsidy from the Local Sanitary Authority.

Clinic and Treatment Centres.

An Infant Welfare Centre meets at Barmouth fortnightly and is maintained by the County Council.

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It is in the medical charge of the doctors in the town, who attend in rotation every twelve months, and is doing excellent work.

Ante-Natal Clinics - - Arranged by the County Council.
School Clinics - - Arranged by the County Medical Officer.
Orthopaedic Clinics - In connection with the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, and arranged by the County Council.
Tuberculosis - - - - - There is one dispensary in the district which is opened once a month. Urgent cases can be seen by the Tuberculosis Officer at any time.

Hospitals.

The Cottage Hospital at Dolgelley serves this district.

Institutional Provision.

For unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children is provided in the Public Assistance Institutions owned by the County Council.

Mental Defectives.

The Institutions for the care of Mental Defectives are provided by the County Council.

Water Supply.

The Bodlyn Dam can be considered water-tight and careful examination is made monthly on the condition of the Dam, also the pipe line.

There has been an ample supply of water to all parts of the town even during the peak period in August.

Several short lengths of water main have been laid in the town during the year.

Drainage and Sewerage.

There has been no serious damage done to the main outfall sewer during the winter storms and the whole system is working satisfactorily.

Harbour Sewer: The scheme of improving this outfall is in the course of preparation.

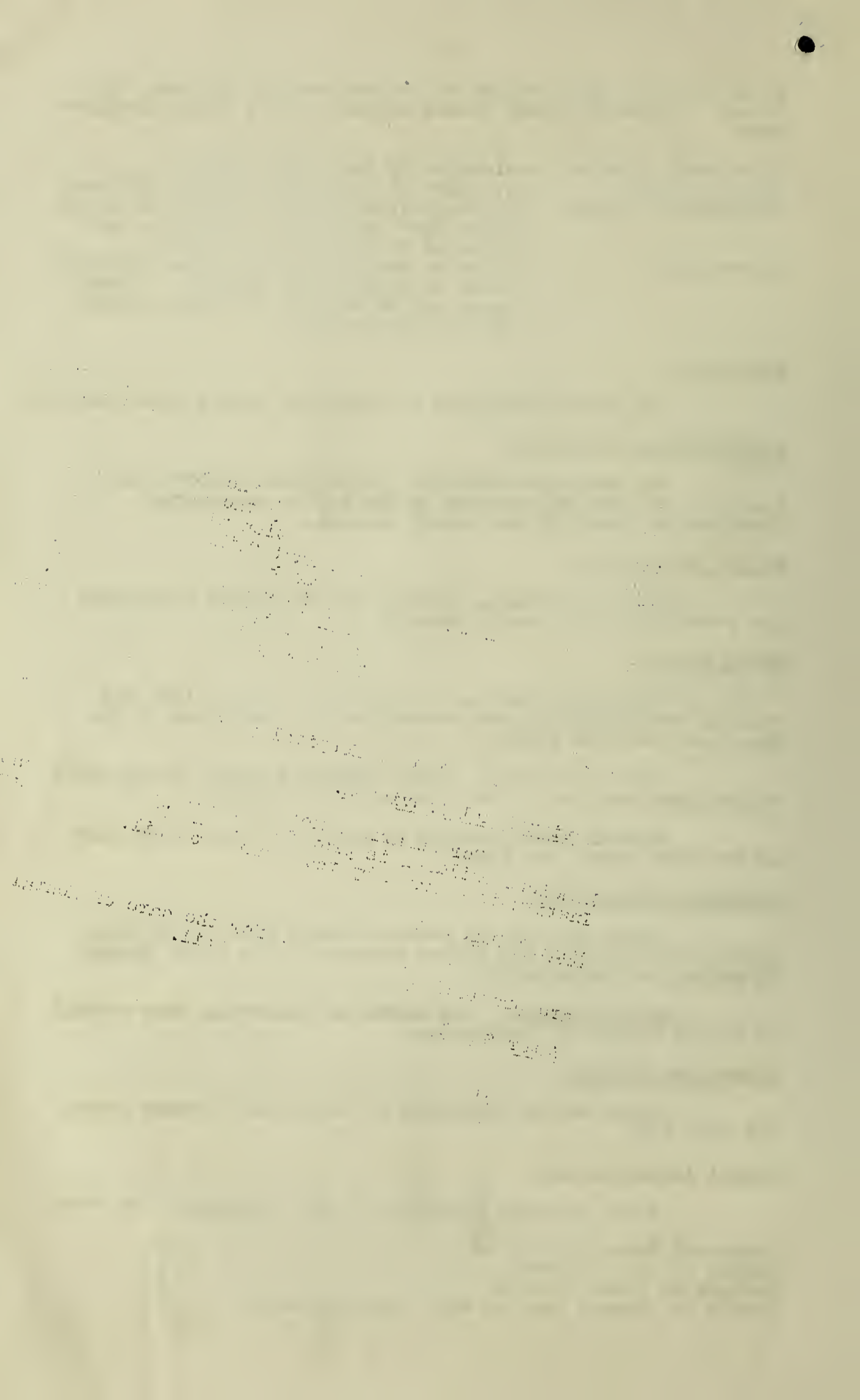
Rivers and Streams.

There was no pollution of rivers and streams during the year 1938.

Closet Accommodation.

Water carriage system is in use throughout the town.

Number of Water Closets - - - - -	1,132
Number of Pail Closets - - - - -	17
Privies or other Closets - - - - -	14
Number of Closets serving more than one house -	10



Public Cleansing.

House refuse is collected in the town daily, and in the outlying areas once a week. Most of the houses and premises are provided with proper receptacles. The refuse is deposited and buried in a suitable place within the district.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

Number of Inspections	--	182
Notices - formal	-	Nil.
informal	-	20

Visits to Bakehouses -	4	Visits to Slaughter-houses -	20
Cowsheds -	4		
Milk Shops -	4	Notices re Defective Drains -	4

Shops Act, 1934, and Public Health Act, 1936.

No action has been necessary during the year.

Camping Sites.

1. The number of sites in the area which were used for camping purposes during 1938 2
2. The number of camping sites in respect of which licences have been issued by the Local Authority under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936 Nil.
3. The estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer season, 1938 200

Smoke Abatement.

No action was deemed necessary under this heading during the year.

Swimming Baths.

NIL.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

1. Number of (a) Council Houses found to be infested - Nil.
disinfested - Nil.
2. Method employed for freeing infested houses from bed bugs, and the name of the fumigant and/or insecticide used. - Nil.
3. Methods employed for ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from vermin before removal to Council Houses. - Nil.
4. Whether work of disinfection is carried out by the Local Authority or by a contractor. - Nil.

Schools.

There are two schools in the town, one elementary and one County Intermediate, and the sanitary condition of both is satisfactory.

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There is also a small Preparatory School in the district, the condition of which is satisfactory.

The Schools get their water from the town supply.

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year :-

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| (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). | 161 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. | 182 |
| (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. | 26 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. | 30 |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. | 26 |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. | 6 |

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices :-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.	26
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year :-

(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

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| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. | Nil. |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :- | |
| (a) By Owners. | Nil. |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners. | Nil. |

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

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| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. | 6 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :- | |
| (a) By Owners. | Nil. |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners. | Nil. |

(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

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| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. | Nil. |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. | Nil. |

(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

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| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. | Nil. |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. | Nil. |

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding :-

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| (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year. | 12 |
| (ii) Number of families dwelling therein. | 14 |
| (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein. | 70 |
| (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year. | Nil. |
| (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. | 4 |
| (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases. | 20 |
| (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. | Nil. |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

There are 4 retailers of milk, 5 producers, and 15 producers and retailers, and retailers of cream. Much of the town's supply is produced outside the district where there are several producers of 'Tuberculin Tested' Milk.

The cowsheds and milk shops situated within the district are inspected periodically. The Chief Constable as Chief Inspector under the Food and Drugs Act directs samples of milk and other food-stuffs to be taken and examined for adulteration.

Samples of milk, which are examined bacteriologically and for tuberculosis, are taken on behalf of the County Medical Officer.

Meat and Other Foodstuffs.

There are three slaughter houses in the district, and seven purveyors of meat. The slaughter-houses are regularly inspected and all shops and other places where meat or food is prepared or offered for human consumption are inspected.

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Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle, excluding cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)	—	—	—	—	—
Number Inspected.	—	—	—	—	—
<u>All diseases, except Tuberculosis.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	—	—	—	—	—
<u>Tuberculosis Only.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	—	—	—	—	—

Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food.

No action was taken during the year.

Shell-Fish (Molluscan).

A careful watch is kept upon the area in which shell-fish is collected.

Prevention and Control Over Infectious and Other Diseases.

Diphtheria anti-toxin is kept by the Medical Officer of Health and is supplied to doctors in the district on application.

No use has been made of the Schick or the Dick Tests, or of the recently developed artificial methods of immunisation against diseases.

